4. Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for all vehicles except light motor vehicles.

5. Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.

6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles *viz* direction indicators with blinker system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods.

7. A National Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of **Blinkers**/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.

14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile petrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. *Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.*

18. Special night checking on highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs. Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Allocation for National Highways

3728. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of outlay earmarked for the development of National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan period ;

(b) the amount out of the above that allocated for Orissa ; and

(c) the various measures proposed to be adopted for the development of Natiional Highways in Orissa and other States during the above plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The 8th Plan is yet to be finalised and as such outlay for the purpose is not yet known.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Four laning of National Highways with Japanese Assistance

3729. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to take up the four laning of some National Highways with Japanese assistance.

(b) if so, the names of the National Highways identified for the purpose ; and

(c) the amount of Japanese assistance likely to be obtained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Yes , Sir. A loan agreement has been signed in

January, 1992 with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan for the Project of Four-laning of Mathura-Agra Section (km. 148.33—199.66) of National Highway No. 2 in Uttar Pradesh. As per loan agreement, O.E.C.E. will lend an amount not exceeding 4855 Million Japanese Yen as principal for implementation of the above mentioned Project.

Declaration of State Roads as National Highways

3730. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to declare some State Roads as National Highways ;

(b) if so, the details of these State roads ;

(c) whether these State roads would be declared as National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan period ; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Any decision about further declaration of State Roads as National Highways would be possible only after the outlay for the 8th Five Year Plan is finalised by the Planning Commission, subject to fulfilment of prescribed criteria for new National Highways, *inter-se* priority attached to each individual road on an all-India basis and availability of funds etc. It is, therefore, too early to spell out the position at this stage.

Bifurcating of DTC Routes

3731. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC has increased its fares ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DTC has started a practice of breaking/bifurcating some of the existing routes and thus charging double fare ; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposed to stop this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution caused by DTC Buses

3732. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the 'Indian Express' of the 16th February, 1992 under the caption "DTC 'flouting' SC directive on pollution" ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a recent judgement Supreme Court has directed the DTC to enlist Public Cooperation in checking the growing vehicular pollution from its bus fleet in the Capital ;

(c) the number of DTC and private buses on road plying under DTC in Delhi as on the 31st January, 1992 ;

(d) the number of buses which have been checked for pollution ; and

(e) the number of buses found emitting smoke beyond prescribed limits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 4374 DTC buses and 606 private buses under DTC were plying on roads as on 31-1-92.